INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2005

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OFFICIALS

<u>NAME</u>	TITLE	REPRESENTING
	(Before January, 2005)	
Daryl Strenge Kevin Espy John Benz Al Breuker Clyde Hoekstra Clarence Hellinga	Chairman Vice-Chairman Treasurer Board of Directors Board of Directors Board of Directors	Osceola County City of Ocheydan City of Melvin City of Harris City of Ocheyedan City of Ocheyedan
Kirk Grau	Executive Director	
Jodi Nasers	Administrative Assistant	
	(After January, 2005)	
Daryl Strenge Kevin Espy John Benz Brian Mino Lila Hatting	Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer Board of Directors Board of Directors	Osceola County City of Ocheyedan City of Melvin City of Ashton City of Sibley
Kirk Grau	Executive Director	
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Osceola County Economic Development Commission Sibley, Iowa

I have audited the accompanying financial statements, listed as exhibits in the table of contents of this report, of the Osceola County Economic Development Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of Osceola County Economic Development Commission's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, and the standard s applicable to the financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards and provisions require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Osceola County Economic Development Commission at June 30, 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated January 17, 2006 on my consideration of the Osceola County Economic Development Commission's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 4 and 11 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the governmental Accounting Standards Board. I applied limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Osceola County Economic Development Commission provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year endedune 30, 2005. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Commission's financial statements, which follow.

2005 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Operating revenue of the total activities increased 30%, or approximately \$33,400 from fiscal 2004 to fiscal 2005.
- Operating expenses increased 13.6%, or approximately \$13,800 in fiscal 2005 from fiscal 2004.
- The total assets increased 4.2%, or approximately \$28,600 from June 30, 2004 to June 30, 2005. Total liabilities decreased 17% or approximately \$1,000.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other informationas follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Commission's financial activities.

The Commission's basic financial statements consist of statement of net assets and statement of activities. The statements provide information about the activities of the Commission as a whole and present an overall view of the Commission's finances.

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Commission's budget for the year.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Commission maintains its financial records on accrual basis and the financial statements of the Commission are prepared on that basis.

REPORTING THE COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

One of the most important questions asked about the Commission's finances is, "Is the Commission as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The statement of net assets reports information which helps answer this question.

Over time, increases or decreases in the Commission's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Commission is improving or deteriorating.

Financial Statements

The required financial statements include a statement of activities.

COMMISSION WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

A summary of the changes in investment in Commission follows:

	YEAR ENDI 2005	NE 30, 2004	
REVENUE: General Revolving Loan Spec Loan Chatroom	\$ 106,200 33,561 24 5,069	\$	93,403 11,074 52 6,892
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 144,854	\$	111,421
EXPENSES: General	\$ 105,228 899 -0- 9,162	\$	95,939 1,617 -0- 3,946
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 115,289	\$	101,502
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 29,565	\$	9,919
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	671,802		661,829
PREPAID EXPENDITURE RESERVE	 33		54
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	\$ 701,400	\$	671,802

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the Commission did exceed its budget.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The Commission had no outstanding notes or bonds during the year.

CONTACTING THE COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Commission's finances and to show the Commission's accountability for the money it received



STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS JUNE 30, 2005

		TOTAL								
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS		GENERAL FUND		REVOLVING LOAN FUND		PROPERTY LOAN FUND		TROOM	(MEN	MORANDUM ONLY)
Cash in Bank	\$	11,945 100 50,000 3,129 567 -0- 0- 3,335 69,076	\$	266,679 -0- 125,000 8,389 -0- 218,264 -0- -0- 618,332	\$	1,588 -0- -0- -0- -0- 6,064 9,200 -0- 16,852	\$	1,893 -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- 1,893	\$	282,105 100 175,000 11,518 567 224,328 9,200 3,335 706,153
Liabilities: Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ \$	2,253 2,500 4,753	\$ <u>\$</u>	-0- -0- -0-	\$	-0- -0- -0-	\$	-0- -0- -0-	\$ <u>\$</u>	2,253 2,500 4,753
Fund Balances: Reserved for Prepaid Expenditures Reserved for Notes Receivable Unreserved TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	567 -0- 63,756 64,323	\$	-0- 218,264 400,068 618,332	\$	-0- 15,264 <u>1,588</u> <u>16,852</u>	\$	-0- -0- 1,893 1,893	\$	567 233,528 467,305 701,400
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	69,076	\$	618,332	\$	16,852	\$	1,893	\$	706,153

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITES ALL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS									
	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS									
	REVOLVING SPEC						TOTAL			
	(GENERAL		L LOAN		PROPERTY				MORANDUM
		FUND		FUND	LC	AN FUND	СН	ATROOM	`	ONLY)
REVENUES:										
Contributions from Public Entity										
Members – Related Party	\$	102,533	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	102,533
Contributions – Other Members	Ψ	500	Ψ	-0-	Ψ	-0-	Ψ	-0-	Ψ	500
Donations		-0-		-0-		-0-		5.069		5,069
Interest Income – Banks		3,137		7,968		24		-0-		11,129
Interest Income - Notes		-0-		5,641		-0-		-0-		5,641
USDA Grant		-0-		19,952		-0-		-0-		19,952
Miscellaneous		30		-0-		-0-		-0-		30
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	106,200	\$	33,561	\$	24	\$	5,069	\$	144,854
EXPENDITURES:										
Operating:										
Salaries	\$	72,500	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	72,500
IPERS		4,180		-0-		-0-		-0-		4,180
Payroll Taxes		5,684		-0-		-0-		-0-		5,684
Employee Benefits		7,384		-0-		-0-		-0-		7,384
Workman's Compensation		701		-0-		-0-		-0-		701
Travel and Meals		868		-0-		-0-		-0-		868
Auto Allowance		2,400		-0-		-0-		-0-		2,400
Professional Fees		2,823		-0-		-0- -0-		-0- -0-		2,823
Postage		410 2,386		-0- -0-		-0- -0-		-0- -0-		410 2,386
Office Expense Loan Fees and Expenses		-0-		899		-0-		-0-		899
Bond Insurance		434		-0-		-0-		-0-		434
Telephone		1,848		-0-		-0-		-0-		1,848
Publications/Professional Dues		908		-0-		-0-		-0-		908
Project Materials		-0-		-0-		-0-		9,162		9,162
Special Projects		287		-0-		-0-		-0-		287
Tech and Website Management		2,303		-0-		-0-		-0-		2,303
Depreciation		112		-0-		-0-		-0-		11 <u>2</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	105,228	\$	899	\$	-0-	\$	9,162	\$	115,289
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES										
OVER-EXPENDITURES	\$	972	\$	32,662	\$	24	\$	(4,093)	\$	29,565
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR		61,581		587,407		16,828		5,986		671,802
Inter-Fund Transfer		1,737		(1,737)		-0-		-0-		-0-
Prepaid Expenditures Reserve		33		-0-		-0-		-0-		33
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	\$	64,323	\$	618,332	\$	16,852	\$	1,893	\$	701,400

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Osceola County Economic Development Commission (OCEDC) was formed July 1, 1988, under an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to the Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa as a separate entity for legal purposes. This agreement was made by and among the County of Osceola, Iowa, and the Cities of Ashton, Harris, Melvin, Ocheyedan, and Sibley, Iowa.

The governmental commission consists of a representative appointed by the Osceola County Board of Supervisors, and one representative appointed by each City Council of the following cities: Ashton, Harris, Melvin, Ocheyedan, and Sibley. Each representative has one vote.

A) REPORTING ENTITY

For financial reporting purposes, the Commission has included all funds, organizations, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The OCEDC has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the OCEDC are such that exclusion would cause the OCEDC's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the OCEDC to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the OCEDC. The OCEDC has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B) BASIS OF PRESENTATION - COMMISISON-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Statements of Net Assets and Activities reports information on all of the activities of the Commission. Restricted Assets are those constrained by external rules and regulations. Unrestricted Assets are not constrained by outside rules or regulations.

The Commission identifies the following major funds:

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Commission. All contributions agreed to by the different entities within the intergovernmental agreement and other receipts not allocated by law or contractual agreement o some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures and fixed charges that are not paid from other funds.

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> – The Special Revenue Funds are used to account for revenues derived from specific sources which are usually required by law, regulation, or the Commission's officials to be accounted for in separate funds.

The following are the Special Revenue Funds maintained by the OCEDC:

Revolving Loan Fund – The Revolving Loan Fund is used to provide financial assistance to attract, retain, or expand business that would generate public gains and benefits within Osceola County. The contributions to this fund were originally provided by Osceola County and the Cities of Ashton, Harris, Melvin, Ocheyedan, and Sibley. These funds are loaned out to businesses with a pay back period of not more than ten years. All interest earned stays within the fund.

<u>Spec Property Loan Fund</u> – The Spec Property Loan Fund is used to provide financial assistance to development corporations for new construction, purchase of existing commercial/retail property, acquisitions of land, and/or demolition or renovation of spec property within the Cities of Ashton, Harris, Melvin, Ocheyedan, and Sibley, Iowa. These funds are targeted toward properties which potentially generate public gains and benefits. Funds can be used for a 0% or low-interest loan which would be paid back to the pool when the property is sold. All interest earned stays in the fund.

<u>Chatroom</u> – The Chatroom Fund is an after-school home work program for students. It is funded by the State of Iowa, DHS, and donations; it is administered by OCEDC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

C) MEASUREMENT FOCUS

Governmental Funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance is considered a measure of "available spendable resources". Governmental Fund operating statements present increases, revenues, and other financing sources, and decreases, expenditures and other financing uses in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

To properly account for the notes receivable, the notes receivable are shown on the OCEDC's balance sheet, even though some of the notes receivable balance is not considered to be a current asset. Although all the notes receivable balance is measurable, some of the notes receivable balance is not available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The account, fund balances – reserved for notes receivable, represents the amount of the notes receivable and the resulting fund balance that is not available within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period (see Note 3 for non-current amounts).

D) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement s made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All Governmental Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when they become both measurable and available. Available means collected soon enough, or expected to be collected soon enough, thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred.

E) ASSETS, LIABILITES AND FUND EQUITY

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the statement of net assets:

<u>Prepaid Expenditures</u> – Prepaid expenditures represent expenditures, for other than inventory or fixed assets, that will benefit a future fiscal year. The cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time the prepaid item is purchased. Reported prepaids are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that the reported prepaids are not available to liquidate current obligations.

<u>Compensated Absences</u> – OCEDC employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death, or retirement. Sick pay is also accumulated on a limited basis by employees for subsequent use, but is not paid upon termination, death, or retirement. The cost of vacation termination payments expected to be liquidated is recorded as a liability of the General Fund. The compensated absences liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2005.

F) BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The OCEDC's officials annually adopt a budget on the accrual basis for the General Fund. The budget may be amended during the year. During the year ended June 30, 2005, the General Fund budget was exceeded.

G) TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

The total column on the balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances is captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position on results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND POOLED INVESTMENTS

The OCEDC's deposits in banks at June 30, 2005, were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The OCEDC is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federal insured depository institutions approved by the OCEDC's Board of Directors, prime eligible banker acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open -end management investment companies, certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The OCEDC has its cash invested in interest bearing bank accounts and certificates of deposit located in banking institutions within Osceola County. OCEDC has no other investments. The OCEDC also earns interest from direct notes receivable (see Note 3). The interest earned on the cash accounts, certificates of deposit and notes receivable are recorded and maintained in the appropriate funds.

NOTE 3 – NOTES RECEIVABLE AND NOTES RECEIVABLE – RELATED PARTIES

A) REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The OCEDC's mission of implementing economic development projects within Osceola County is being accomplished by the lending of monies for various economic development projects at a reasonable rate of interest.

The notes issued carry an interest rate from 3% to 9.75%. The terms of notes vary from three years to fi ve years, with some extensions granted for hardships that meet certain criteria. The amount shown on the statement of net assets as of June 30, 2005, reflects the amount due on those notes receivable as of that date.

Loans are carried as notes receivable until deemed uncollectible.

B) SPEC PROPERTY LOAN FUND

The notes issued carry an interest rate of 0%. The terms of the notes run until the spec property is sold. The notes receivable are with some of the Cities which are member of the OCEDC and are therefore considered to be with related parties.

Changes in notes receivable are as follows:

Balance on June 30, 2004	\$ 9,200
Balance on June 30, 2005	\$ 9.200

All the loans are considered non-current.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE 4 - EQUIPMENT

A summary of changes, if any, in equipment comprising general fixed assets for the year ended June 30, 2005, is as follows:

	BALAN BEGINN OF YE	NING	ADDI	TIONS	DELE1	ΓIONS	BALANCE END OF YEAR		
Equipment	\$	9,433	\$	1,109	\$	-0-	\$	10,542	
Accumulated Depreciation	\$	7,095	\$	112	\$	-0-	\$	7,207	

NOTE 5 – CHANGES IN COMPENSATED ABSENCES

A summary of changes in compensated absences for the year ended June 30, 2005, is as follows:

	 ENSATED ENSCES
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$ 2,500 -0-
Reductions	\$ 2,500 -0-

NOTE 6 – PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The OCEDC contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, IA 50306-9117.

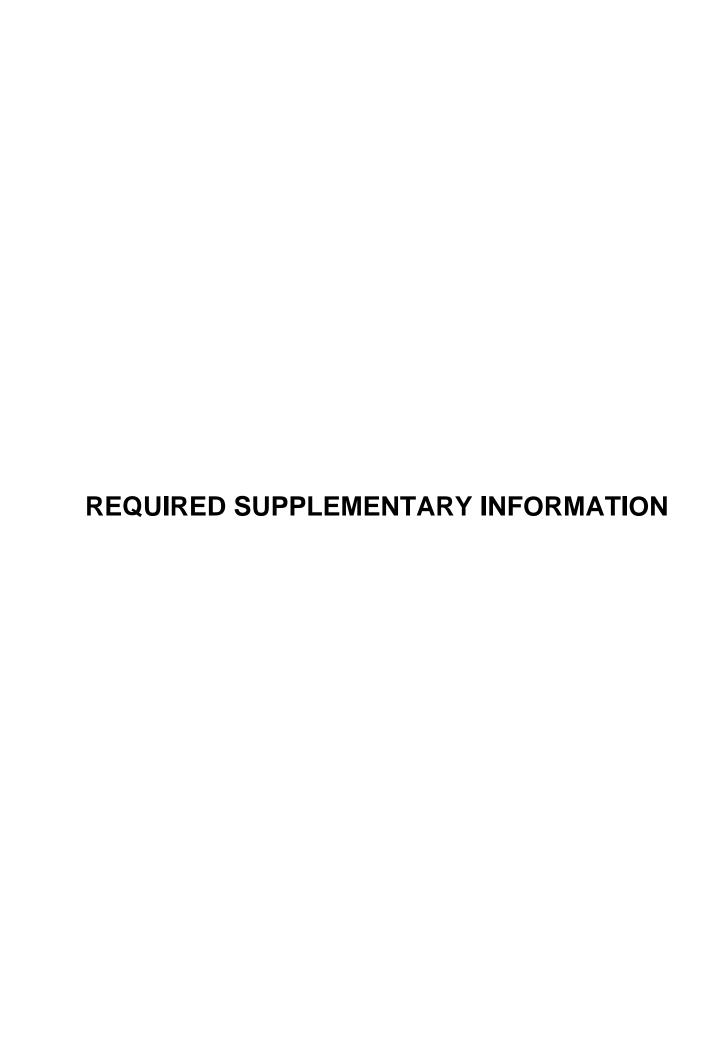
Plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual covered s alary and the OCEDC is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered payroll. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The Commission's contribution (cash basis) to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$4,313, \$3,793, and \$3,731, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The OCEDC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance provided mainly through Osceola County's insurance carrier and policies, with some commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. The Commission assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8 – MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

The City of Sibley and Osceola County are major contributors to the General Fund. Contributions amounted to \$38,353 (37% of total contributions from public entity members) and \$56,819 (55% of total contributions from public entity members), respectively for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.



BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN BALANCES ACTUAL TO BUDGET – GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	1	ACTUAL	ı	BUDGET	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE		
RECEIPTS:							
Contributions from Public Entity Members – Related Party Interest Income – Banks Grants Miscellaneous	\$	102,533 3,137 -0- 530	\$	87,787 5,973 2,740 3,900	\$	14,746 (2,836) (2,740) (3,370)	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	106,200	\$	100,400	\$	5,800	
DISBURSEMENTS: Operating:							
Salaries Payroll Taxes and IPERS Employee Benefits Workers' Compensation Travel and Meals Auto Allowance Professional Postage Bond Insurance Telephone Publications / Professional Dues Special Projects Tech and Website Management. Office Expense Depreciation.	\$	72,500 9,864 7,384 701 868 2,400 2,823 410 434 1,848 908 287 2,303 2,386 112	\$	67,500 9,538 7,873 634 329 2,400 3,852 1,000 434 2,500 500 1,500 840 1,500 -0-	\$	(5,000) (326) 489 (67) (539) -0- 1,029 590 -0- 652 (408) 1,213 (1,463) (886) (112)	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	105,228	\$	100,400	\$	(4,828)	
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$	972	\$	-0-	\$	972	
Transfer and Prepaid Reserve		1,770					
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR		61,581					
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	\$	64,323					

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – BUDGETARY REPORTING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Directors annually adopts a budget, following required public notice and hearing. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the Commission exceeded its budget.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in
Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Officials of the Osceola County Economic Development Commission

I have audited the financial statements of Osceola County Economic Development Commission (OCEDC) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued my report thereon dated January 17, 2005. I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered OCEDC's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, I noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in my judgment, could adversely affect OCEDC's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, I believe item 05-I-A is a material weakness. Prior year reportable conditions have been resolved except for Items 05-I-A.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether OCEDC's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. However, I noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance that are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Commission's operations for the year ended June 30, 2005 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during my audit of the financial statements of the Commission. Since my audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a matter of public record by law, is intended for the information and use of the officials, employees, and citizens of members of the Osceola County Economic Development Commission and other parties to whom the Osceola County Economic Development Commission may report. This report is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to me by personnel of Osceola County Economic Development Commission during the course of my audit.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, I shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

DAVID A. MASKE CATO

January 17, 2005

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

PART I: FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

O5-I-A Segregation of Duties - During my review of the internal control structure, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine that incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee. This segregation of duties helps to prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and therefore maximizes the accuracy of the Commission's financial statements. I noted a lack of segregation of duties over financial transactions, record-keeping, and reconciling functions.

<u>Recommendation</u> - I realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the OCEDC should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

<u>Response</u> - We will investigate this and attempt to segregate duties when possible by utilizing existing personnel and independent persons to provide additional control through review of financial transactions and reports.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

PART II: OTHER FINDINGS RELATED TO REQUIRED STATUTORY REPORTING

- 05-II-A Official Depositories A resolution naming official depositories has been adopted by the Commission. The maximum deposit amounts stated in the resolution were not exceeded during the year.
- 05-II-B <u>Certified Budget</u> Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2005, exceeded the amount budgeted in total for the General Fund.

Recommendation – The budget should have been amended before the disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response – The budget will be amended in the future, if applicable.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

- 05-II-C Questionable Expenditures No expenditures of Commission money for questionable expenditures were noted that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- 05-II-D <u>Travel Expense</u> No expenditures of Commission money for travel expenses of spouses of Commission officials or employees were noted.
- 05-II-E <u>Business Transactions</u> No business transactions between the OCEDC and OCEDC officials or employees were noted
- 05-II-F Bond Coverage Surety bond coverage of OCEDC officials or employees is maintained by the Commission. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure that coverage is adequate for current operations.
- 05-II-G Board Minutes No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board of Director minutes but were not.

- 05-II-H <u>Deposits and Investments</u> The Commission complied with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Commission's investment policy.
- 05-II-I <u>Documentation</u> In our current electronic age, much information and documentation flows through emails and websites. It is imperative that hard copies of this documentation are maintained in the commissions files, and not just stored on the computer in e-files.

Response – We will save hard copies of the documentation in our paper files.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

05-II-J Accounting Error – During the year ended June 30, 2005 a payroll accounting error was made in computing the bi-weekly pay periods. The error resulted in additional gross payroll for the year of \$7,500. The board was advised of the error and concurred that the additional payment was an honest mistake. Appropriate action was taken to properly account for the additional payroll. While the matter was the result of an error, it serves to illustrate how important internal control, supervisory review, and accounting accuracy are. We urge the commission to tighten its review functions.

Response – We have considered the matter and will tighten our review at the administrative level.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.